

Abraham Lincoln papers

From Francis H. Peirpoint to Abraham Lincoln, July 8, 1864

Alexandria, Va., July 8 1864

Sir

Since I wrote you the other day in regard to the action of Gen Butler in taking vote in Norfolk &c. I have obtained an analysis of the vote which rely on as correct — of those who voted for abolishing the civil government.¹

¹ An election was held in June, by order of Gen. Benjamin F. Butler, to determine whether or not the citizens of Norfolk preferred to retain their municipal government or not. See Peirpoint to Lincoln, June 25, 1864.

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Non residents Mostly liquor sellers—111.

Foreign Subjects—6.

Some of the foreign subjects and

non residents voted 2-3, and f 4 times

18, or 20 — voted in assumed names.

They are not known in the City.20.

The employees of Government some

of whom are loyal voted under threat of being

dismissed if they voted differently 33.

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The great body of the loyal voters refused to vote on the subject and in the P. M. The Military or those in its employment refused to let the loyal men vote for city officers unless they voted on the

subject of civil or no civil government— Which they refused and thereby some fifty voters refused to go to the polls to vote for civil officers

This statement perhaps makes the record complete.

I am yours &c

F. H. Peirpoint